

RECYCLING PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

1:00pm to 3:00m

**Appoquinimink Service Center
122 Silver Lake Road
Middletown, DE 19709**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order, Introductions
- II. Public Comments (20 minute cap, priority given to written comments)
Brian Loy, RePaint, DE, will make a short presentation
- III. Approval of Minutes from 11/16/2016 Meeting
- IV. Old Business
 - 1) Status of Universal Recycling Grant and Low-Interest Loan Programs
 - 2) Status of 15th Annual Report
- V. Membership Status: Resignations, Current Vacancies
- VI. Short-Term and Long-Term Goals, Review History and Mission
- VII. Timeline/Scheduling of Meetings for Remainder of 2017
- VIII. Status of Landfills Relative to Capacity
- IX. Recycling Market Update
- X. New Business
 - 1) RPAC Meeting with Governor
 - 2) Status of changes to Drop-Off sites
 - 3) Outreach/Education updates
- XI. Additional Public Comments
- XII. Review Next Meeting
- XIII. Adjourn



Delaware Universal Recycling Law

Implementation Schedule and Milestone Events

Item	Event	Action Date	State of Delaware Statutory Citation	Notes/Status/Work Projection
1	RPAC established. Composition and responsibilities defined.	6/8/2010	7 Del. C. § 6058	Complete
2	RPAC Annual Report on the status of recycling in Delaware to the Governor and General Assembly commences.	11/1/2010	7 Del. C. § 6058 (c) (5)	Reports issued annually. The 14 th Annual Report is pending.
3	RPAC Recycling Measurement and Reporting Guidance finalized.	12/1/2010	7 Del. C. § 6056 (1)	Complete.
4	Beverage Container Recycling Fee begins.	12/1/2010	30 Del. C. § 2912	Complete. Fees collected are about 65% of expected.
5	Controller General and OMB Director approval of revenue and expenditure plan before grants or loans can be made from the Recycling Fund.	12/1/2010	7 Del. C. § 6054 (f)	Funding and expenditure plan is approved.
6	Dealer liability to refund beverage container deposits to consumers ends.	2/1/2011	30 Del. C. § 2912	Complete.
7	Manufacturer or distributor liability to refund beverage container deposits to retailers or dealers ends.	3/1/2011	30 Del. C. § 2912	Complete.
8	Universal Recycling Grants & Low Interest Loans offered.	2011	7 Del. C. § 6055	Initial Program began in 2011. The application period for the 8 th Cycle is now complete; contracts being finalized. Because \$5 million of funding was reallocated by the General Assembly in June 2016, there is no ability to continue Program as planned.
9	DSWA ceases curbside recycling collection. Single-family curbside recycling requirement starts.	9/15/2011	7 Del. C. § 6053 (1)	DSWA ended curbside collection of recyclables on 3/31/11. Single-family residential deadline has passed. A few violations were noted and quickly resolved, though continued compliance monitoring and enforcement may be necessary.
10	Annual reporting by persons collecting, processing or marketing recyclables commence	2/15/2012	7 Del. C. § 6056 (1)	Initial reporting complete. Reporting requirements continue annually.
11	Report on implementation of universal recycling in the commercial sector to the Governor and the General Assembly.	11/1/2012	7 Del. C. § 6053 (4)	Complete. Report posted online fourth quarter 2012.
12	Multi-family recycling requirement starts	1/1/2013	7 Del. C. § 6053 (2)	Complete. DNREC conducted significant outreach to inform multi-family audience (i.e. direct letters, workshops, radio). Compliance monitoring and enforcement may be necessary.
13	Commercial sector recycling requirement starts	1/1/2014	7 Del. C. § 6053 (4)	Development of outreach began early 2013. Toolkits, waste assessments, grants offered. Outreach and assistance efforts will continue.
14	RPAC Goals Assessment Report due.	11/1/2014	7 Del. C. § 6056 (2)	The 13 th Annual Report addresses this requirement and notes more detailed reporting in subsequent Annual Reports will follow pending studies.
15	Recycling Fee on beverage containers ends.	12/1/2014	30 Del. C. § 2912	Remaining funds were assumed to assist waste diversion goals and sustain grants program through 2020. Because \$5 million of funding was reallocated by the General Assembly in June 2016, there is no ability to fund programs as planned.
16	Diversion Goals tier 1	1/1/2015	7 Del. C. § 6056	The goal for total solid waste was met. The 50% goal for municipal solid waste (MSW) has fallen short. MSW is waste commonly discarded from residences, businesses, and organizations. The MSW diversion rate is about 42%. See RPAC Annual Report for more info.
17	Diversion Goals tier 2	1/1/2020	7 Del. C. § 6056	Status report and recommendations will be available via RPAC Annual Report.